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Local family in attendance as governor signs proclamation for National Adoption Month

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation Tuesday, Nov. 27, declaring the month of November as National Adoption Month for the state.

One local family was in attendance for this special moment.

Larry and Jennifer Grant, along with their adopted daughter, Riley, witnessed the signing of the proclamation by Governor Ivey.

"We were among 20 families invited to the State Capitol on Nov. 27th, during which Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation announcing November as National Adoption Month," said Jennifer Grant.

Riley was among hundreds of children to be adopted in Alabama in 2018. Statewide, it was a record-breaking year for adoptions.

"These families have welcomed into their home a lot of children that have been part of our foster care system," said Gov. Kay Ivey during the proclamation signing. "These children have found their favorite homes and lasting homes."

According to state records, there were 710 adoptions finalized during the Fiscal Year 2018. This number jumped by over 200 as there were 502 adoptions during the fiscal years of 2017 and 2016 each.

State officials have said they are proud of the record-breaking adoption numbers for 2018, but they continue to encourage more. The number of children in custody of the

Department of Human Resources (DHR) also is higher.

Fiscal Year 2018 showed 6,500 children in custody of DHR, up from 6,279 children in 2017 and 5,575 children in 2016.

Grant said there are hundreds of these children awaiting adoption now.

Riley was placed in Bright Beginnings Child Care Center of Elba, in which Jennifer Grant is the

owner/operator, and Jennifer said she and Larry began fostering her in January 2017.

"We attended foster parenting classes in Covington County for 10 weeks in order to be able to care for Riley," she said. "Riley was in foster care for 556 days before being adopted by us on March 16, 2018."

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Riley Grant, daughter of Larry and Jennifer Grant, is shown with Alabama Governor Kay Ivey last week at the State Capitol. Riley and her parents were in attendance as the governor signed a proclamation noting November as National Adoption Month. Riley was adopted by Larry and Jennifer on March 16th.

Work release inmate escapes from job site with City of Elba

A work release inmate working for the City of Elba reportedly walked off from the work site Tuesday, Dec. 4, thus starting an escape investigation by the Elba Police Department.

The inmate was reported missing by his supervisor at approximately 1:45 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. The search for the inmate began shortly thereafter.

Charges for escape - second degree were filed.

No other details were available as of press time Tuesday evening.



SANTA SHOWERED IN CONFETTI...The Christmas season officially began in Elba earlier this week as the annual Elba Christmas Parade was held Monday evening, Dec. 3rd. A tradition in Elba is for the Elba Volunteer Fire Department to bring Santa to town on top of a fire truck delivering candy and treats to parade watchers. This year, Santa was showered with confetti and stringers as he reached the grandstands on the square in downtown Elba. It was a celebration the jolly one seemed to really enjoy!



Grinch gets caught in act!

The Grinch was welcomed to Elba as the Grand Marshal of the Elba Christmas Parade on Monday, Dec. 3rd. As shown above, he brought Cindy Lou Who with him for the festivities!

The Grinch really seemed to enjoy receiving all the attention of the parade watchers during the Christmas Parade, but he returned to the 'naughty' shortly thereafter.

The City of Elba held the official lighting of the city's Christmas tree following the parade, and (as shown to the right) the Grinch made an appearance. He was soon caught trying to pull the electricity from the Christmas tree. Good news though! Several of Elba's youngsters spotted him right away and convinced the Grinch to leave the lights shining bright and to instead take pictures with them for their holiday memories. In the end, the Grinch made new friends in Elba, Ala.!



Wayne Jackson retiring after 30 years of firefighter service to the City of Elba

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department held a retirement celebration Monday evening, Dec. 3, for long-time firefighter Captain

Wayne Jackson.

He is retiring from the volunteer fire department after 30 years of service to the City of Elba. He was

showered with gifts and tokens of appreciation from the department and the city during Monday evening's celebration.

Mayor Mickey Murdock thanked Jackson for his "dedicated interest and devotion in providing a valuable service to our community." The mayor presented a "Certificate of Retirement" from the City of Elba.

"I extend a sincere appreciation for your outstanding performance as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and wish for your continued success and happiness in the future," Murdock said.



Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker (left) presented a special token of appreciation to Captain Wayne Jackson for his 30 years of service to the Elba Volunteer Fire Department during a retirement reception held Monday night, Dec. 3, for Jackson at the Elba Fire Department.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m., in the Elba High School auditorium. This is open to the public.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will be holding its monthly board meeting Monday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at 214 Factory Avenue N., Elba, Ala.

NOTICE:

Elba Head Start is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Head Start is a comprehensive early education program that serves children ages 3 to 5 and including children with mild to severe disabilities.

For more information call (334) 897-2814 or (334) 897-5417 Ext. 310 or (347) 566-1712.

Application packages can be picked up at 145 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323.

Elba Head Start is located in the Elba Elementary School.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle. We as a people have such a purpose today. It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world." - George H. W. Bush

The first George Bush had it right, as noted above. It is a shame that America did not heed his words of wisdom. On Sunday, The Washington Post printed, "George H.W. Bush, who died Friday at age 94, was arguably our last president who ran on the strength of his experience - as a Navy pilot, congressman, Republican National Committee chairman, ambassador to China, CIA director and vice president."

Alabama's Jalen Hurts just became the poster boy for sticking to your roots and being a team player. He was the football team's star quarterback last year until he had a bad day in a championship game. The back-up quarterback came in and won the game. That pushed Hurts to the backup position all through the 2018 season until - yep the next championship game. The Bama team was behind in scoring for the whole game until the starting qb was injured and Hurts was now the replacement. Long story short - he quickly threw a TD pass and ran in another score. His actions won the game, and the championship for the Alabama team. Hurts' decision to stick with his Alabama scholarship and not go somewhere else where he would surely be the starter worked for him, worked for Alabama football and should be a positive lesson for each of us on "how to succeed." Our high school had a motto, "Quitters never win and winners never quit." Good policy anywhere.

December 7th! Pearl Harbor Day and for those who didn't know, or have forgotten, Friday, December 7th, is the anniversary of that fateful Sunday morning when the Japanese military launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, and six hours later, on the American bases in the Philippines. It was an attack that launched WWII and cost the lives of many Americans, our allies and the Japanese - both military and civilian. What will go down in U.S. history as "the Greatest Generation" threw caution to the wind and proceeded to win the war. We owe them s-o-o-o-o much.

No general discussion is complete without an occasional comment about the weather. Monday of this week the monthly rainfall report came bouncing in over the internet. The folks at Choc-Pea do a great job of recording the rainfall all across the seven county Wiregrass area. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that our overall rainfall for 2018 is much lower than it was in 2017. The Elba gauge at the Pea River Bridge shows an increase in November, but not enough to overcome the previous months (Like the negative four inch difference in October) or maybe you remember the dry, dry January when less than an inch fell on Elba, compared with over 11 inches the year before. It was about the same at Big Creek and Folsom Bridge. The Wiregrass rainfall was up for the first eleven months of the year only at Skipperville, Sellersville (Double Bridges) and Geneva.

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George H. W. Bush—a true point of light

By
R.A. Mathews

He chose the 5th Chapter of Matthew.

When a U.S. President is sworn into office, typically he places his hand on the Bible. Many have done so with the book closed, but according to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, George H. W. Bush wanted his inaugural Bible open. He rested his hand on the 5th Chapter of Matthew—the Sermon on the Mount.

Why that passage? Remember that the elder Bush defined his presidency with one beautiful phrase: A thousand points of light. Many mocked him at the time, confused by what it meant.

But Christians knew. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus famously says: "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father..." Matthew 5:14-16

Unfortunately, many of this country's leaders have no foundation in the word of God. It hurts us.

Not so with our 41st President. Gary Smith in Morning Call wrote that Bush's family worshipped together every morning. Bush's parents read the

Bible to their children daily, trying to make it relevant. And Time said as a boy Bush was known for his forgiveness and empathy. Classmates named him "Have-Half" Bush for his determination to share everything.

Bush was barely twenty years old when his plane was shot down over the Pacific during WW11. When he saw a massive sub emerge from the ocean and come toward him, the combat pilot said, "Geez, I hope it's one of ours."

Bush believed God rescued him, saving him for a reason. After his rescue, Bush continued flying missions becoming a decorated war hero, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Gold stars.

But Bush's greatest testing was yet to come. He and Barbara married in 1945. When their 3-year-old daughter died with leukemia in 1953, Bush said, "Our faith truly sustained us."

Like Jesus, Bush hated discrimination. He started a United Negro College Fund on the Yale Campus, coached inner-city baseball, and invited a Jewish friend to play tennis on restricted courts.

As president, he began cabinet meetings with prayer and referred to the Bible 220 times in his

remarks to the nation. In fact, according to Smith, no other U.S. President stated that America was "one nation under God" more than our 41st President.

"Without God's help," Bush said, "we can do nothing."

Universally recognized as a humble man, Time said that hurt him: Being a good president is not enough; "...the presidency is a performance art...(which) he never embraced."

Last Friday night, Bush was at home when he spoke by phone to his namesake. The younger Bush said, "You have been a wonderful father."

The senior Bush responded, "I love you, too."

Those were George H. W. Bush's last words.

Christmas is the season of light:

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor..." Isaiah 9:6

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light..." Isaiah 9:2

If George H. W. Bush could have selected a time to die, he would have chosen now. Christmas. The season of light. In 2001, he wrote to journalist Carl Cannon saying that part of

his happiness, "...still comes from trying to be...a true point of light." This is his legacy.

Consider yours. How do you want to be remembered?

If you've fallen into anything shady, turn back. The 42nd President would give anything for that chance. His legacy will be forever marred by impeachment, perjury, infidelity. Don't let that happen.

Take your family to church. Worship at home with them. Build traditions.

There's a child who touches my heart. Every Sunday I see him, his parents, and grandfather all in one pew. Half-way thru the service, he's super special, going down front and sitting on his daddy's lap for the children's sermon.

Carter will never know anything else. As far as he's concerned, this is every 3-year-old's life.

Decide today. Right now. Like George H. W. Bush, choose Christ. Make Him central to your home, your family, your life.

Choose to be a true point of light.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 26, investigated the following incidents: one reckless endangerment, one found property, one domestic violence, one harassment, one breaking and entering a motor vehicle, three for theft of property, one possession of marijuana, one public intoxication, one domestic incident, and one unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

The following arrests were made: three on warrants, and one for public intoxication.

There was one traffic citation and 16 traffic warnings issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Nov. 26th - Dec. 2nd.

MONDAY, NOV. 26 - Elba Fire Department dispatched as mutual aide at 5075 County Rd 460 (9:55 a.m.); Complaint of suspicious male subject in

Sunset Blvd area going door to door holding a box of junk (12:24 p.m.); Complaint from Fred's store regarding possible shoplifter (3:52 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a structure fire on Morrow Ave (8:56 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 27 - Suspicious subject reported at Danley's Crossroads - subject was transported to a different location on Private Road 1303 with assistance from Coffee County Deputy (6:21 p.m.); Officer out with a vehicle needing assistance (out of gas) on N Claxton Ave (7:37 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28 - Possible family dispute reported in area of 19000 block of Hwy 189 (1:09 p.m.); Possible rolling domestic reported on Morrow Ave (1:21 p.m.); Possible domestic altercation reported in area of 700 block of N Claxton

Ave (5:10 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle in area of Mike's Gym (7:47 p.m.); Medical call reported on Larkin Rd (8:18 p.m.); Verbal/physical altercation reported at the Elba Travel Center (8:45 p.m.); Elba Fire Department to stage at 22478 Hwy 189 N - in reference to a possible bomb found (8:52 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hwy 87 N (9:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle in area of Elba Food Giant (11:12 p.m.).

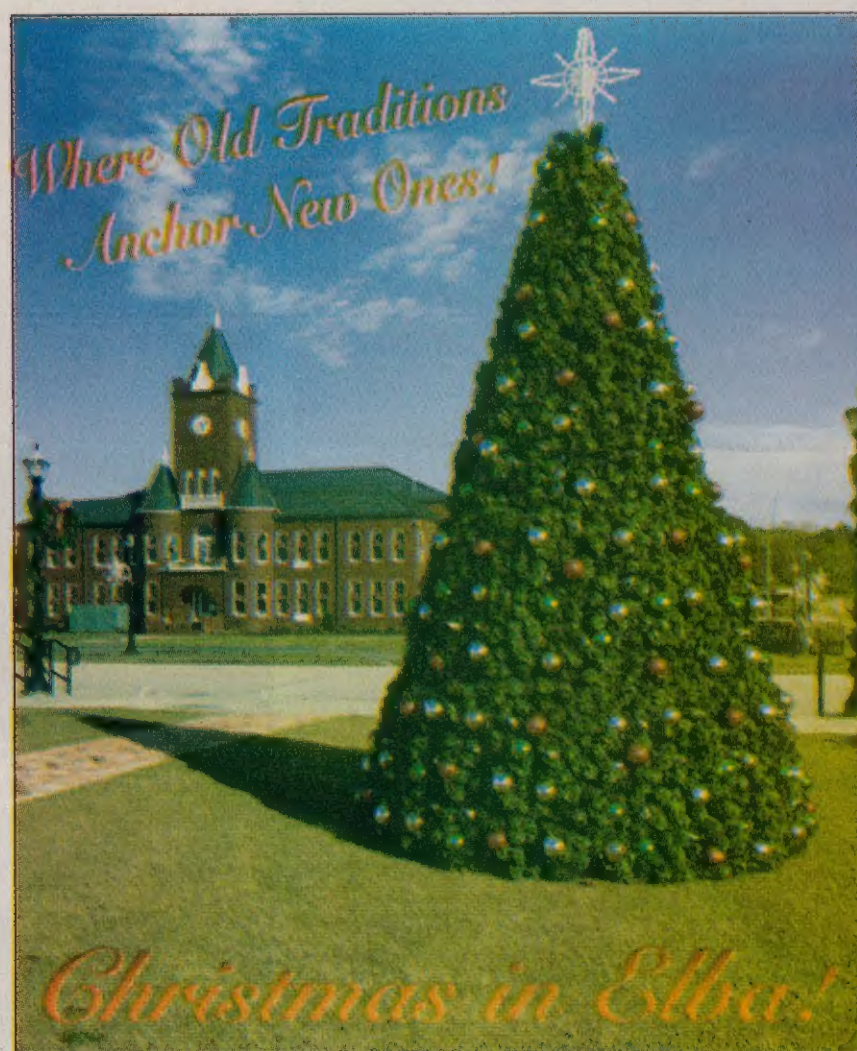
THURSDAY, NOV. 29 - Suspicious vehicle in area of Claxton Ave and Putnam St (12:26 a.m.); Complaint of subjects trespassing at a business on N Claxton Ave - subjects were banned from the business (7:20 p.m.); Report of possible drunk driver on Reese Ave (9:39 p.m.); Officers responded to an infant not breathing on Reese Ave - infant was

breathing when Haynes Ambulance arrived on scene (9:58 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 30 - Officers out with a suspicious male walking behind Christian Mission (5:01 a.m.); Single vehicle wreck reported on Hwy 84 at County Rd. 514 - no injuries (7:24 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a tractor fire near 836 County Rd. 240 (11:04 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire on County Rd 250 (12:31 p.m.); Report of a suspicious male subject knocking on doors at Beaver Dam Apts bothering a homeowner - subject was advised to leave the area (1:42 p.m.); Report of shoplifting at Fred's (4:45 p.m.); Report of a possible stolen vehicle (11:20 p.m.); Report of vehicle break-in on Plant Ave (11:50 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 - Complaint of a dog coming into yard on Brunson Circle and killing complainant's dog - animal control advised of situation and plan was to set traps to try and catch the dog (1:04 p.m.); Subject reported loitering at Laundromat on W Davis St (5:04 p.m.); Vehicle in the ditch reported on Guyton St (5:18 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at intersection of Brunson Circle and Forest Hill Drive (5:38 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DEC. 2 - Structure fire reported on Old Samson Rd - house reported fully engulfed and Elba Fire Department dispatched (12:12 a.m.); Report of subject on Martin Luther King Dr threatening suicide - subject was arrested after officers arrived on scene for public intoxication (1:00 a.m.); Report of vandalism to a truck on Adkinson St (11:54 a.m.); Domestic violence reported at Beaver Dam Apts between two sisters (2:50 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the scene of the early morning fire on Old Samson Rd where fire had rekindled (6:09 p.m.); Possible shoplifting reported at Elba Food Giant (7:08 p.m.); Report of possible shoplifting at Elba Food Giant (8:56 p.m.); Possible trespassing on Plant Ave (11:12 p.m.); Domestic violence report on Tucker Ave (11:38 p.m.).



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Upcoming events announced for Dothan's Landmark Park

The planetarium at Landmark Park will be closed for maintenance until January 2.

Admission to Landmark Park will be free from December 9-30 in conjunction with the Making Alabama Bicentennial exhibit. See below for more details.

Landmark Park will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day. The office will be closed but grounds open on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Through December • Johnny Mack Brown exhibit Interpretive Center Lobby. View costumes, publications, photos and other memorabilia from Hometown Hollywood Hero Johnny Mack Brown. Free with paid gate admission.

WEDNESDAYS-FRIDAYS IN DECEMBER • CHRISTMAS PAST This program is for preregistered school and homeschool groups only.

Thinking of Christmas the way your grandparents described it to you? Students can experience some of the same activities and emotions of this very special season with cider tasting and storytelling by the fireplace. The children will also be invited to play parlor games and construct old-fashioned ornaments they may take home with them. **Due to the hands on nature of this program, groups are limited to approximately 30 students per session. Cost: \$10/student. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register.

DECEMBER 9 • VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sip hot apple cider or hot chocolate while listening to Christmas carols and visiting with Santa. Enjoy old fashioned desserts, arts and crafts, music, wagon rides and handmade decorations. A circuit riding preacher will deliver a holiday message in the Headland Presbyterian Church. Free admission. Donations of nonperishable food will be accepted for the Wiregrass United Way Area Food Bank. Sponsored by The Joy 94.3 FM.

DECEMBER 9-30 • MAKING ALABAMA TRAVELING BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Interpretive Center Auditorium. To ensure everyone has a chance to see the exhibit, no admission will be charged from Dec. 9-30. Presented by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, this interactive exhibit blends art music, spoken word and computer tablets to display over 200 years of Alabama's history and looks toward the future.

JANUARY 5; FEBRUARY 2 • WIREGRASS WOODTURNER MEETING 9:30 a.m. Open to the public, free with paid gate admission and free for Wiregrass Woodturner members. Woodturning demonstrations will take place. Ag Building.

JANUARY 5; FEBRUARY 2 • LANDMARK DULCIMER CLUB 1 p.m. Jam session and lesson. No experience or music reading ability necessary. Must have a mountain dulcimer. Free with paid gate admission.

JANUARY 6; FEBRUARY 3 • REPTILE FEEDING 4 p.m. Meet our snakes and turtles and learn why these animals are so important to the environment. Free with paid gate admission. Interpretive Center Classroom.

JANUARY 12 • BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Learn about bluebird population and diverse environmental habitats from Dr. Gary Manfreedy, North American Bluebird Society member. Registration required. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

JANUARY 15 • PROJECT FLYING WILD, PROJECT GROWING UP WILD TRAINING WORKSHOPS Classroom and homeschool teachers are invited to participate. Professional development CEUs are available. Project Flying Wild focuses on using birds while approaching environmental education using language arts, social science and math and will be held from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Project Growing Up Wild builds on a child's sense of wonder about nature and will be held from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Registration and prepayment required by December 31. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. \$20 for one session or \$30 for both.

JANUARY 17 • ROCKS ROCK! (PART 1) This program is for preregistered homeschool groups only. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Our Earth has a story to tell and she tells it through rocks! This introduction to geology program will introduce students to the rock cycle, the properties of different types of rocks, and the types of rocks found here in Alabama. \$15 per child, \$7.50 per adult or use your EdVenture Club Pass. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register and for more info on the EdVenture Club Pass for homeschool groups.

JANUARY 19 • HUMMINGBIRD WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Licensed bird bander Fred Bassett will share his knowledge of this little bird with facts about nesting habits, food and feeders, and migration patterns. Registration required. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

JANUARY 24 • ROCKS ROCK! (Part 2) This program is for preregistered homeschool groups only. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. In this class we will learn about how tectonic plates work, what makes volcanoes so violent and at times unpredictable, how crystals form, and why our earth is constantly changing and moving. This class is a follow-up to Rocks Rock! Pt. 1, but can be taken independently for students with a strong background knowledge of geology and the rock cycle. \$15 per child, \$7.50 per adult or use your EdVenture Club Pass. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register and for more info on the EdVenture Club Pass for homeschool groups.

JANUARY 26 • PURPLE MARTIN WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Dr. Gary Manfreedy will discuss migratory bird populations and the natural history of the species, plus housing requirements and conservation efforts. Registration required. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

JANUARY 26 • SEED SWAP 1 p.m.-3 p.m. the Wiregrass Master Gardeners will host a Seed Swap in the Ag Building. Similar to a potluck dinner, gardeners are encouraged to bring samples of their favorite heirloom seeds to

exchange with others. Admission is free with paid gate fee (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids and free for members).

JANUARY 28 • ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER 42nd annual dinner. Stokes Activity Barn. Meal prepared by The Blue Plate Restaurant. Learn about Landmark Park's plans for 2019 and recognize board members and award winners. \$15 per person. Advance tickets required. Call 334-794-3452 to purchase tickets.

JANUARY 31 • AMAZING WEATHER This program is for preregistered homeschool groups only. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. In this class we will learn about weather and how amazing it can be! Mother Earth can create some interesting weather, but do humans impact weather? During this class, students will learn about different weather throughout the world and the impact humans can have on weather, as well as the impact weather can have on humans! This class will wrap up with a showing of our planetarium movie Dynamic Earth in our full-dome planetarium. \$15 per child, \$7.50 per adult or use your EdVenture Club Pass. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register and for more info on the EdVenture Club Pass for homeschool groups.

FEBRUARY 1 • ASTRONOMY NIGHT 6 p.m.-9 p.m. View several stars and planets as well as the Orion nebula through telescopes and binoculars on the gazebo lawn. Staff will help point out winter constellations and visitors can experience a starry hayride, campfire, night walks, refreshments and Planetarium shows. Meets several requirements for the Astronomy Badge. Bring your flashlights! \$5 for members, \$6 for scouts and leaders in uniform, \$8 for nonmembers, free for children 5 and under. Space is limited and this program fills quickly. Registration and prepayment required. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register.

FEBRUARY 5-7 AND 12-14 • ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE This program is for preregistered classroom and homeschool groups only. Over 100 years ago, one room schoolhouses were common in this area. The school day was very different from what we are familiar with today, and students learned in different ways than students today because there were so many different grades in one room. In this program, we will focus on what made one room schoolhouses unique, how schools today are different, and a few of the learning methods used over 100 years ago. Students will have an opportunity to participate in an old fashioned spelling bee, math drills, and school yard games all while dressed the way students would have dressed

over 100 years ago.

*Costumes are provided by Landmark Park **Due to the hands on nature of this program, groups are limited to approximately 30 students per session. Cost: \$12. Recommended Age: 3rd-8th grades Program Length: 2 hours

FEBRUARY 8-9 • QUILT RETREAT Friday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Annual retreat led by Sherry Burkhalter. Ag Building. This year's theme is miniatures—miniature does not necessarily refer to size but to the scale of the block. Participants can choose from a variety of patterns. \$75, includes supper, lunch, drinks and snacks. Bring your sewing machines, 6-12 fat quarters (ranging from light to dark) and supplies. Call 334-790-9045 or visit www.quiltedcreations.net to register. Registration and prepayment required.

FEBRUARY 16-17 • FOLK ARTS WORKSHOP WEEKEND Learn blacksmithing, tanning, chair caning, pottery and more. Registration and prepayment are required by February 8. View the schedule of classes (to be posted by early January), register and pay online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Prices range from \$20-\$30 per session.

FEBRUARY 26-28 • LIVING HISTORY This program is for preregistered classroom and homeschool groups only. *Costumed Program!!* Give your students the experience of living and working on a Wiregrass Farmstead in the early 1900s. Students will get the opportunity to cook on the hearth, make butter, care for the farm animals, help in the garden and more! Costumed in period dress, students will be divided into small groups in order to participate at the different workstations. This half-day program will conclude with lunch (prepared by the students) at the Waddell House, traditional games, a hay ride, and an ice cream cone served from the Martin Drugstore. **Due to the hands on nature of this program, classes are limited to a maximum of 30 students and a minimum of 20 students. Cost: \$20/student (includes lunch and an ice cream) Program Length: 4 hours (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Recommended age: 3rd-5th

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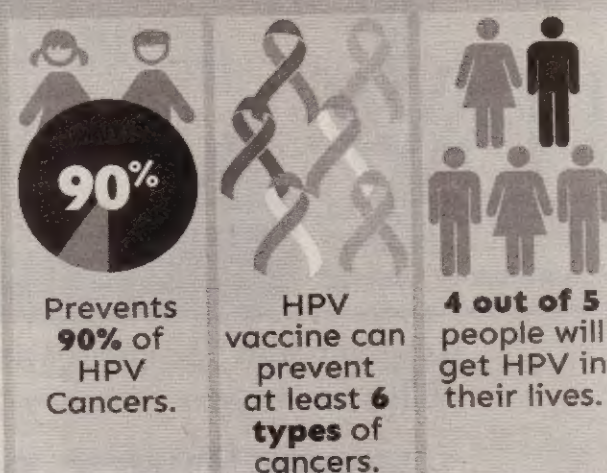
Riley has two older brothers, Aaron and Kyle.

Governor Ivey said the State of Alabama recognizes the partnerships of many agencies and groups in making adoption for children in foster care possible, and she said it is important to raise awareness about the needs of children in Alabama's foster care system and for more permanent families for these children.

"We could not imagine life without Riley," Grant said. "If you are interested in fostering a child, I encourage you to please contact your county DHR office."

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JESSIE S. CARNLEY

Mrs. Jessie S. Carnley, age 71, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, at



Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Mills officiating. Burial services followed in the Meadowlawn Memorial Park cemetery.

Survivors include her husband: Robert L. Carnley; son: David Bradley, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; step daughters: Jackie (Sam) Miller, Chipley, Fla., and Lisa (Jeff) Worthington, Malone, Fla.; sister: Carol Nichols, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; brothers: Rex (Barbara) Williams, Enterprise, Ala., Roy Williams, Lincoln, Ala.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

JOANNE POLSON MOORE

Mrs. Joanne Polson Moore, age 79, of Jack, Ala., died Thursday, Nov.



29, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018,

at Hawthill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Shirley Ellis and Rev. Adam Carlee officiating. Burial followed at the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory directing. The family asks that memorial donations be made to: The American Cancer Society of Coffee County, c/o Linda Andress, 400 Gibson Street, Enterprise, AL 36330.

Joanne was born March 30, 1939, in Coffee County, Ala., to the late Rupert Polson and Evelyn Killingsworth Polson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Donald Moore; and a brother, John Lamar Killingsworth.

Survivors include her son: Howard Brent Rachel (Susan), Grovetown, Ga.;

and granddaughter: Lilijana Rachel.

RICKY MORRIS

Mr. Ricky Morris, age 58, of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at his home.



Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial services followed in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Becky Morris, Jack; son: Matt Morris, Jack; brothers: Deno (Anita) Morris, Elba, Ala., and Danny (Terrie) Morris, New Brockton, Ala.; mother-in-law: Sibyl Wise; brothers-in-law: Jeff Wise, Montgomery, Ala., and Dan Wise, Hartselle, Ala.

JOE DOUGLAS FARRIS

Mr. Joe Douglas Farris, age 80, of Beach Park, Ill., has died.

Born January 11, 1938 in Elba, Alabama to the late Stephen and Julia Farris, Joe was a proud Navy Veteran, and owned Joe's Machine & Welding in Gurnee, Ill.

A Life Celebration Service will be Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at Marsh Funeral Home, 305 N Cemetery Rd, Gurnee. Interment will follow at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, John, James, Lelton, Earl, Ruth, Nettie, David, Mary, and Cara Mae.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years: Judy; children: Vicki Sturtevant, Christi Franklin, Juli (Kenneth) Kowalski, and Lori Farris; grandchildren: Amanda, Bryce, Anthony, Abby, Allison, Kathryn, Christopher, Melissa, and Mat; his sister: Eunice Davis (of Elba, Alabama); and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

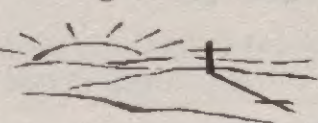
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LIFESTYLES

Chili Country Christmas set for Dec. 14-15 at We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge

By popular demand, Grammy nominee Josh Goforth will be in concert at the annual Chili Country Christmas at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge on Dec. 14 and 15.

Goforth is a highly acclaimed traditional musician and one of the finest fiddle, banjo and guitar players in the country. He is a master at combining stories and music. He has performed at the Grand Ole Opry, Carnegie Hall, throughout Europe and Japan and in every state except Hawaii.

Wherever Josh Goforth goes, he has audiences stomping and clapping to his old-time fiddling and then strolling down memory lane with his stories of

his grandpa and his own life in Appalachia.

There's no better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to sit down to a bowl of hot chili on a chilly winter night and enjoy the songs of stories of the Christmas season. Goforth will bring both the merriment and warmth of the Christmas season to the stage.

Each Chili Country Christmas brings renewed awareness to the real reason for the season and no one does it better than Josh Goforth.

Tickets are \$20 and include the pre-show, the chili supper with dessert and the Christmas program of music and stories. Doors open at 6:20 p.m.

For tickets or more information call 685-5524 or 670-6302.



ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMENTATORS...The City of Elba receives colorful commentary for the Christmas Parade at the grandstand with Sandy Bynum, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Eddie Vaughan, the voice of Elba Tigers football. The two did a great job announcing the parade Monday night, Dec. 3rd.

DAV Chapter 99 plans 6th annual community Christmas Get-to-Gather

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Wiregrass Chapter 99, will be holding its 6th Annual Community Christmas Get-to-Gather on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This is to show appreciation to all in the Wiregrass, along with active duty, veterans, and family members who have supported the DAV efforts to better serve the nation's veterans, active duty service personnel and family members. The group meets at the New Brockton Senior Center, 130 Vester Cole St., New Brockton.

Beverages, hors d'oeuvres and Christmas sweets will be available.

RSVP to (334) 347-0114, prior to December 9th, 2018 if planning to attend to insure ample food items for all attending.

LIFESTYLES NEWS DUE ON MONDAY

BBQ fundraiser set for Saturday for Bullock Volunteer Fire Department

The Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department, located at 5375 Old Three Notch Rd, Brantley, Ala., will be conducting a BBQ Plate fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 8th.

The fire department will be serving BBQ plates consisting of Boston butt, rice,

baked beans, bread and dessert for a donation. All donations will benefit the Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Plates will be ready for pickup on Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the fire department. All donations will be appreciated.

Elba resident performing in opera presentation at ESCC

Amahl and the Night Visitors will be presented by the Fine Arts Department of Enterprise State Community College on Thursday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 8, in the multipurpose room on the ESCC campus.

Both performances will begin at 7 p.m.

This one-act opera retells the story of the Magi from the perspective of a young, disabled boy named Amahl, who lives in poverty with his widowed mother near Bethlehem.

The opera is being directed by Erin Smith, ESCC music instructor. She also serves as choir director at

Elba United Methodist Church.

Elba resident, Laura Davis, is performing the role of Amahl. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Brett and Karen Davis.

Admission is free for the performance; however, donations will be accepted to help enable the students to participate in their March 2019 performances

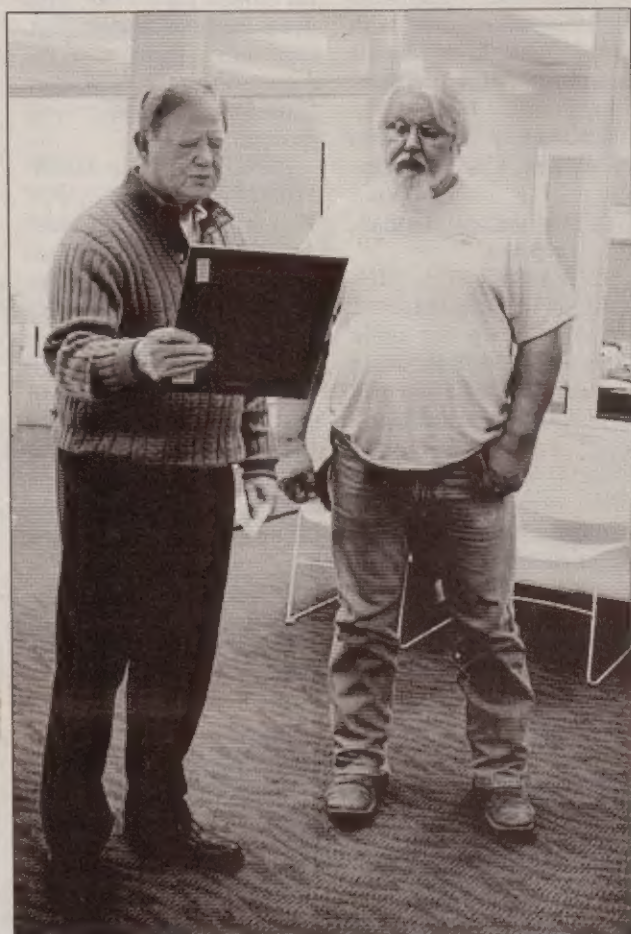
at the National Cathedral in Washington.

Elba Senior Center invites all to Open House on Dec. 10th

The Elba Senior Citizens Center invites all to the center's Open House event on Monday, Dec. 10, at 12 noon.

The Cow Pen Creek

Band and the Boll Weevil Dancers will entertain. Also, there will be a bake sale and art projects on display. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.



LONGTIME ELBA EMPLOYEE RETIRING...The City of Elba honored a retiring employee last Wednesday, Nov. 28, with a retirement celebration at Elba City Hall. James Baldwin, a water department employee for Elba, has decided to retire after 25 years of service to the city. Above, Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock (left) is shown presenting Baldwin with a plaque commemorating him for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Elba and its people. Murdock said Baldwin would be missed, but he extended warm wishes for a happy retirement.

LBWCC offering quick start photography

LBW Community College in Andalusia is offering a seven week "Quick Start Photography" course with instructor Robert Evers, Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Jan. 8 - Feb. 19, 2019. Classes will be held in the Learning Resource Center in classroom L133 on the Andalusia Campus.

Learn the basic principles of photography and unlock the camera's potential to create great photographs. In this course students will

learn to operate their camera in manual mode, learn about smartphone cameras, macro/micro, quality of light, the exposure triangle, color vs black and white, reducing camera shake and noise, composition, photo editing, resolution, and much, much more.

Space is limited. There is a fee. Registration deadline is December 20, 2018.

Participants may register in person in the Student Services office Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon. For more information call (334) 881-2231.

Thank You!

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who came to my surprise 90th birthday celebration! I would also like to thank everyone who planned and prepared for this event. Your kindness and hardwork are appreciated. Many thanks for the cards and gifts and for celebrating with me. I am blessed to have great friends like you.

God Bless Each and Every One of You!
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CHURCH NEWS

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COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE ADVENT OF HOPE

by Rev. Diana Farrell White,
pastor of Covenant Community Church

This past Sunday we, like many of you, celebrated the First Sunday of Advent. Each year we set aside the four Sundays leading up to Christmas to pause, wait and prepare for Christmas. Part of our preparation is decorating our place of worship. Last Sunday evening we decorated our church building during our "Hanging of the Greens" service. Decorating is nice. It adds to the atmosphere and anticipation. Yet, "preparing our hearts" for those of us on "earth receive her king" should be so much more central to our Christmas celebrations.

On the first Sunday of Advent we always light The Hope Candle. This purple candle reminds us of the hope that many generations of God's people had and have for the coming of The Messiah. For years, prophets brought news of "great joy" to the people surviving miserable lives as victims of a broken society. These prophecies of hope were critical to the health and well-being of God's people as they trudged through life. Their hope was not something that needed to be able to proven as worth having. Their hope for the future was based on the memory of God's faithfulness and provision in the past. This confidence in God gave them the endurance to survive generations of injustices such as the Egyptian captivity, Wilderness Wanderings, various exiles and even more recently, The Holocaust. These prophecies were fulfilled one night, long ago, when God appeared in Bethlehem. God didn't show up in the way we expected or wanted, yet God came in a way that we understood, through being human. God came to live amongst us in the rubble and devastation reminding us that things will get better. God came to give us a chance to join in God's redeeming work to improve the state of the world with Jesus as our guide. The hope that the world was searching for was fulfilled in Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection. The hope that the world IS searching for is still fulfilled in Christ and should be found in, lived out and spoken of by each believer in this world. So now, go and share of this hope that we have in Jesus Christ!

Revival services planned at Shiloh Baptist Church for Dec. 6th-9th

Revival services for Shiloh Baptist Church, 218 County Road 407, will be Dec. 6th - 9th.

The Dec. 6th, 7th, and 8th services will begin at 7

p.m. each night, and the Dec. 9th service will be at 11 a.m. Bro. Flint Harrelson will be the guest preacher.

All are invited.

Benefit BBQ set for Dec. 15 in Elba to assist Tommy Hancock

A benefit BBQ for Tommy Hancock will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Elba Gulf Travel Center, 990 Alabama Highway 203, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This benefit is to help with medical expenses.

There will be BBQ pork

plates with beans, rice, bread and cake for \$8, and camp stew for \$8 per quart. Donations also will be accepted.

For more information, call Joey Harrelson at 334-406-2573, Kenny Jackson at 334-268-0961, or Danny Sanders at 334-379-4847.

Basin Baptist Church plans Christmas music programs for Sunday, Dec. 9th

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy 189 S, Elba, will celebrate the Christmas season Sunday, Dec. 9, as both the adult and children's choirs present music programs.

The adult choir will present its Christmas cantata "Christ Was Born For This" during the morning worship hour beginning at 11 a.m. The Children's Choir will present the musical "Angels Say What?" that evening beginning at 5:30

p.m. Following the children's presentation, there will be finger foods and refreshments in the church fellowship hall.

All are invited to attend.

New Haven Baptist Church to present Christmas Cantata

New Haven Baptist Church will present its Christmas cantata, "Good News From Home," on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m.

The church is located at 4446 County Road 410 in Elba. Visitors are invited to attend and to join in a "finger food" fellowship afterwards.

Call (334) 301-5205 for any additional information.

Round and About

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Scripture: Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle? Who may dwell in your holy hill? Psalm 15:1

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Margaret Williams, Helen Thigpen, Maria K. Duncan, Corene Daniels, Nicole Duncan, Survivors of the Anchorage, Alaska Earthquake, Mary Sue Dawson, Ethel Mae Musgrove's grandson, and the Family of Former President George H.W. Bush

November & December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Audrey W. Bennett 11/27
Rev. A.R. Williams 11/27
Paul/Charlotte Whitehurst 11/27 (W.A.)
Willie Mae Whitehurst 11/27
Thomas Hammonds Sr. 11/27
Willie Kevin Tillis 11/28
Isaiah Watkins 11/28
Jennifer Henderson 11/29
Lula Middleton 11/30 (in memory)
Estella Lawrence 12/1
Roderick Williams 12/2
Elijah Yelverton 12/3 (in memory)

**** Living Waters Christian Church** honoring the 1st Year Pastor's Appreciation for Pastor Kelvin Burks will be Dec. 7-9th at Living Waters

Christian Church, 2305 US Hwy 84 West, Opp, Ala. On Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. - Pastor Celestine Lenord of Morning Star Church of Unity, Orlando, Fla., will speak; on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. - there will be a Gospel Musical; and on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 2:30 p.m. - Apostle Charles Reynolds of Abiding Faith Healing and Deliverance Ministries, Orlando, Fla., will speak. Everyone invited.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 12/6/18

Q: In the Book of Matthew who will accompany the Son of Man when He comes in His glory?
A: The Holy Angels will be with Him when He sits on the throne of His glory [read Matthew 25:31]

Question for the Week of 12-13-18

Unscramble these names of Kings of the Bible
KCHZDIEELME
DDIAV
USLA
SJSEU
BHAA
Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

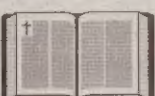
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Olan Strickland-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Even. . . . 7:30 p.m.

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W. K. Ellison, Pastor.
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder James Starks Jr - Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Shane Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Bro. Sasser - Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
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Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS ROBERTSON
Deceased

CASE NO: PR2018-216

BRENDA ROBERTSON
ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Brenda Robertson, Administratrix of the Estate of Nicholas Robertson, deceased, on the 14th day of November, 2018, by the Honorable Steve Blair, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Brenda Robertson
Brenda Robertson
Administratrix of the Estate of Nicholas Robertson, deceased
11-22,29-12-6-chg

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ESTATE OF JOSEPH M. GUERRERO, Deceased

PROBATE COURT

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/s/ Mark Vaughan,
Personal Representative
11/22,29&12/6-pd

MORTGAGE FORE-

CLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by LARRY JOHN-SON, a single man to AMERIS BANK on February 19, 2016, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at OFF Record Book 730, Page 653, the undersigned AMERIS BANK, as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of Coffee County, Alabama, at Enterprise, Alabama, on JANUARY 10, 2019, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: beginning a point where the back of a flare on the South right of way of US Highway #84 intersects the West right of way of Coffee County Road #709; thence South 03 degrees 14 minutes 44 seconds east along the West right of way of Coffee County Road #709 369.19 feet to a point; thence South 82 degrees 11 minutes 18 seconds West 423.87 feet to a point; thence North 04 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds West 220.66 feet to a point; thence North 04 degrees 31 minutes 53 seconds West 293.41 feet to the South right of way of US Highway #84; thence North 88 degrees 50 minutes 10 seconds East 333.78 feet along the South right of way of US Highway #84 to a right of way flare; thence South 49 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East along said right of way flare 142.04 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 25, T4N, R22E and containing 4.712 acres more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT A 20 foot easement on the West side being 20 foot wide East and West and 313.41 North and South. AND LESS AND EXCEPT:

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Highway #84; thence along said right of way margin North 88 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds East 131.05 feet to a concrete monument; thence leaving said right of way margin South 49 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East 142.15 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.248 acres more or less. Also subject to any easements, restrictions, or rights of way which may or may not be of record.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Tiger Tales



News from Elba City Schools

Ria Turk, sponsor

Elba High's basketball program set to host basketball tournament

Elba High School will host its inaugural Christmas Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018. Six teams are set to compete at both the Elba High School and Elba Elementary School gyms. The tournament will be from 7:15 a.m. to around 1:15 p.m. The public is invited.

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Helping Others: cheerleaders sell hams for a cause

The Elba High School cheerleaders completed a Thanksgiving ham fundraiser at the beginning of November. However, it was not a typical fundraiser. The cheerleaders also used this project to help others. The cheerleaders were able to donate 11 hams to families affected by Hurricane Michael through generous donations from the sales. Ivie Thomas' (aka Elbie) brother, Derick Thomas, who is a 2004 alumnus of Elba High School is a current resident of Lynn Haven, Fla. He, along with his family, delivered the hams to hurricane victims prior to Thanksgiving. The Elba High School cheerleaders extend thanks to the community for its support, as well as, to Ivie's family for making this happen!



Elba alumnus Derick Thomas, brother to Ivie Thomas (aka Elbie), is shown receiving a hug from a victim of Hurricane Michael after he delivered a ham for Thanksgiving, which was donated by the Elba High School cheer program thanks to donations from the local community. A current resident of Lynn Haven, Fla., Derick and his family delivered 11 hams to that storm-stricken area as a Thanksgiving gift.

Senior Parent FASFA Workshop held recently at Elba High School

On Monday, Nov. 26, Elba High School held a senior/parent FASFA workshop, called Cash for College. Those in attendance were first shown a presentation on how to complete the FASFA form, and next they were provided hands-on help.

Christmas Concert

Thursday, Dec. 6th @ 6pm EHS Auditorium

CHRISTMAS CONCERT...The Elba City Schools' Band Program will host its annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 6 [tonight], at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Performing will be the 5th and 6th grade bands and the Elba High School concert band.



EES kindergarten classes complete Alabama Bicentennial projects

Kindergarten students at Elba Elementary School continue to celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial through science. During their unit on Plants and Animals, the kindergarten students learned about plants and animals that are native to Alabama and the habitats they are found. Ms. Brooke Weeks' class learned about the Yellowhammer (Alabama's State Bird), and each student made a model of a bird's nest. Ms. Rachel Morrow's class studied about plants that are native to Alabama such as the Oak Leaf Hydrangea and made models of the plant. Mrs. Amy Woodham's class built terrariums of different animal habitats that one would find throughout the state. These included forest/wooded habitats, coastal habitats, and fresh water habitats. After projects were completed, the classes shared their projects with each other. The project models currently are on display at Elba Elementary School. Students at Elba Elementary love their state and are proud to be a Bicentennial School. Happy Bicentennial Alabama!



A closer look at a couple of the Alabama Bicentennial science projects completed by Elba Elementary kindergarten students and their teachers. The projects are on display at Elba Elementary School now.

Victorian Christmas set for Sunday, Dec. 9, at Dothan's Landmark Park

Landmark Park in Dothan will host its annual Victorian Christmas event Sunday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sip hot apple cider or hot chocolate while listening to Christmas carols and visiting with Santa. Enjoy old fashioned desserts, arts and crafts, music, wagon rides and handmade decorations. A circuit riding preacher will deliver a holiday message in the Headland Presbyterian Church. Free admission. Donations of nonperish-

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ELBA SCHOOLS HAPPENINGS

Elba City Schools will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, for the Christmas holidays break. Students will return to school on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019!

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ELBA UMBRELLAS FOR SALE...The Elba High School cheerleaders are selling Elba umbrellas for \$25 each. The sales will continue through Friday, Dec. 14th. If interested in purchasing an umbrella, contact amoore@elbaed.com.

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson helps turn on the lights on all the decorations whenever he comes over to the house and told his Nanny over the weekend that the tree in the den looks bare without any presents under it. I am sure he will get the chance to help wrap some presents one afternoon this week, but will probably then question where the rest of the presents are. Oh well, it will be a fun month, for sure!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers will tip off the basketball season** this weekend over in Opp and expectations are high as the Tigers enter their initial season in the 1A ranks. Elba has been a 2A power on the basketball court for years and advanced to the state tournament three straight seasons on their way to claiming a state title, but will now face some new opponents and will no doubt have to make adjustments as they oppose new teams and play on new courts. The Tigers may have their best starting lineup since the Tiger team that brought home a state title, but just like in football, everyone will be shooting for the new guys in 1A and will be out to prove that the Tigers are unwelcome guests on the court. It should be an interesting season, especially since Elba will play at home only once in its initial 14 play dates.

*** **The basketball season is already underway** for the other teams in the area and it has already been a surprising season. Zion Chapel has claimed two early-season wins to pump new life into the program after a disastrous campaign a year ago, while Kinston already has a win under its belts and appears ready to roll. New Brockton and Brantley have yet to post a win, but both teams have looked solid in early-season play and should be okay as the season progresses. Over with the girls, Brantley is off to a 4-0 start and has already made it known it is hunting a trip to state, while Zion Chapel and Kinston have both posted wins, and New Brockton appears much improved. Yep, we have a fun season ahead on the basketball courts in the area.

*** **The state high school football playoffs** are nearing an end and it was a wild week on the gridiron a week ago as teams from all across the state battled for the right to head to Jordan-Hare. Linden is only win away from its first state title ever after knocking off Maplesville 16-8 in 1A, while Luverne can smell a title after rolling over Highland Home 30-12 in the 2A ranks. Providence Christian had a chip-shot field goal attempt blocked in the final seconds and was ousted by Flomaton 34-33 in 3A, and Andalusia never got anything going on offense in a 24-3 loss to top-ranked UMS-Wright in 4A. One item that caught my eye was the fact that Linden played all four playoff games at home leading up to this week's finale. There is no pace like home.

*** **I have always compared football to boxing** and for years have declared to become the champ you have to knock the current champ out. If it is close on the cards the champ will always find a way to win, and no matter what happens, the challenger can't just jab and swap punches expecting to win it after the final bell. Well, Georgia found that out, again, Saturday night as they delivered some good body shots to Alabama for most of the fight, but failed to knock the champs out, and in the end it was the Crimson Tide that delivered the knockout punch and remained unbeaten. It was a wild game, just as expected, but I have to wonder out loud if Bama is a tired team or just maybe a little over-rated. The four weeks off before they play again will no doubt help the Tide recover, but one night their second half rally may not be enough to pull it out. The best thing about the playoffs is that the games are won on the field and not in a conference room with so-called experts.

*** **Ye Ole Polish prognosticator** dropped by a little later than usual over the weekend and declared that college football games on TV last to long, and that college sports is now a business and no longer just a sport. I agreed, but after a while got him to calm down and drop off this week's final prep picks. The local guesspert hit on only 6 of his 12 picks last week to move his season totals to 325-89, and has struggled in recent weeks, but did agree to close out the season with one last fearless forecast. Here goes.... (7A) Thompson 24 Central 21, (6A) Pinson Valley 28 Saraland 17, (5A) Vigor 20 Central-Clay 10, (4A) UMS-Wright 31 Deshler 14, (3A) Piedmont 35 Flomaton 26, (2A) Fyffe 28 Luverne 14, (1A) Linden 20 Mars Hill 13.

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator did wish everyone a Happy Holiday before exting for the last time this season and admitted he may even go to a basketball game!

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Saturday night in Opp

Elba Tigers ready to tip off season

The Elba Tigers will tip off their basketball season on Saturday night in Opp, and Coach William Moguel is anxious to see how his team will compete after two weeks of practice.

"We gave the players the week off for Thanksgiving to recover from football," stated Coach Moguel, "but have been hard at work ever since and despite being a little short on num-

bers have been going at it hard on both ends of the court. Everyone expects us to be a contender for the area and region title because we have some quality players coming back, but what we did last year won't mean anything this season and we will face a tough schedule to challenge us every time we take the floor."

The Tigers will be led

this season by seniors Alex Wright (6-7), Richmon Singletary (6-2) and Chavez Hill (6-2), and the talented trio helped guide the Tigers to the 2A region tourney a year ago.

"We spend a lot of time on defense and will play aggressive this season just like a year ago," added Moguel, "and let the defense set up our offense. We want to get after folks

and get the ball up and down the court. I really feel the season doesn't start until after the New Year, and while we want to win every game we play, we want to be sure we are ready to go when the area schedule kicks off in January."

The Tigers will open the season on Saturday night in Opp, with the JV game set to tip off at 4:30 pm.

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS:

Brantley tripped up by Ariton 48-30

The Brantley Bulldogs had a hard time finding its way to the basket in a 48-30 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Andrew Wheeler scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Cats, while Maddux Herring and Hayes Floyd both scored 8 points.

Brockton stung by Yellow Jackets 70-27

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 70-27 loss to the Ashford Yellow Jackets. Caleb Hurley poured in 23 points to lead the Gamecocks, while T.J. Holston scored 22 points and Jacory Underwood added 22 for the Jackets.

Rebels ambush Kinston 82-56

The Zion Chapel Rebels lit up the scoreboard in an 82-56 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Josh McCrory scored 27 points and grabbed 6 rebounds to spark the Rebels, while Bailee Deal added 15 points and 11 rebounds and Aaron Senn scored 15 points. Skyler Nalley pulled down 10 rebounds.

Zion Chapel clawed by 'Cats 56-35

The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a hard fought 56-35 battle to the Ariton Purple Cats. Aaron Senn scored 14 points to pace the Rebels, while Andrew Wheeler scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and Bryson Peavy added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Kinston Bulldogs surprise Samson 70-65

The Kinston Bulldogs burned the nets for all four quarters in a wild 70-65 win over the Samson Tigers. Hunter Davis poured in 40 points and Colby Copeland added 15 to lead the Bulldogs, while Samson was led by Hayden McCoy with 29 points.

Gamecocks ripped by Eagles 67-48

The New Brockton Gamecocks trailed only 47-42 after three quarters, but watched as Pleasant Home went on a 20-6 run to end the game and dropped their season opener 67-48. Dillon Kelly scored 11 points, grabbed 5 rebounds and blocked 1 shot to lead the Gamecocks, while Caleb Hurley scored 10 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked 3 shots.

Zion Chapel shocks Panthers 54-52

The Zion Chapel Rebels claimed their second win of the young season with an exciting 54-52 win over the Wicksburg Panthers. Bailee Deal scored 15 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and handed out 4 assists to lead the Rebels, while Aaron Senn scored 13 points and had 3 steals and Skyler Nalley added 12 points and 5 rebounds.

GIRLS:

Brockton ripped by Lady Eagles 56-26

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were simply no match for the highly touted Pleasant Home Lady Eagles in a 56-26 road loss. Dasha Nelson scored 13 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Pleasant Home as led by River Baldwin with 25 points, 13 rebounds and 7 blocked shots.

Lady Bulldogs tame Lady Cats 54-39

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs remained undefeated in early-season action with an impressive 54-39 win over the Ariton Lady Cats. Gabby Perkins led the Lady Bulldogs with 29 points and 12 rebounds, while Olivia Jones added 11 points.

Lady Gamecocks edged by Jackets 46-38

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 46-38 loss to the Ashford Lady Yellow Jackets. Darian Bell scored 21 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead Ashford, while Trinity McCree added 14 points.

Lady Rebels chased by Lady Cats 48-28

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were no match for Ariton last week as they lost to the Lady Cats 48-28. Alexis Johnson scored 15 points and Zakyria Johnson added 10 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Cats, while Lakyn Pratt and Emiley Stevens both added 7 points and 7 rebounds.

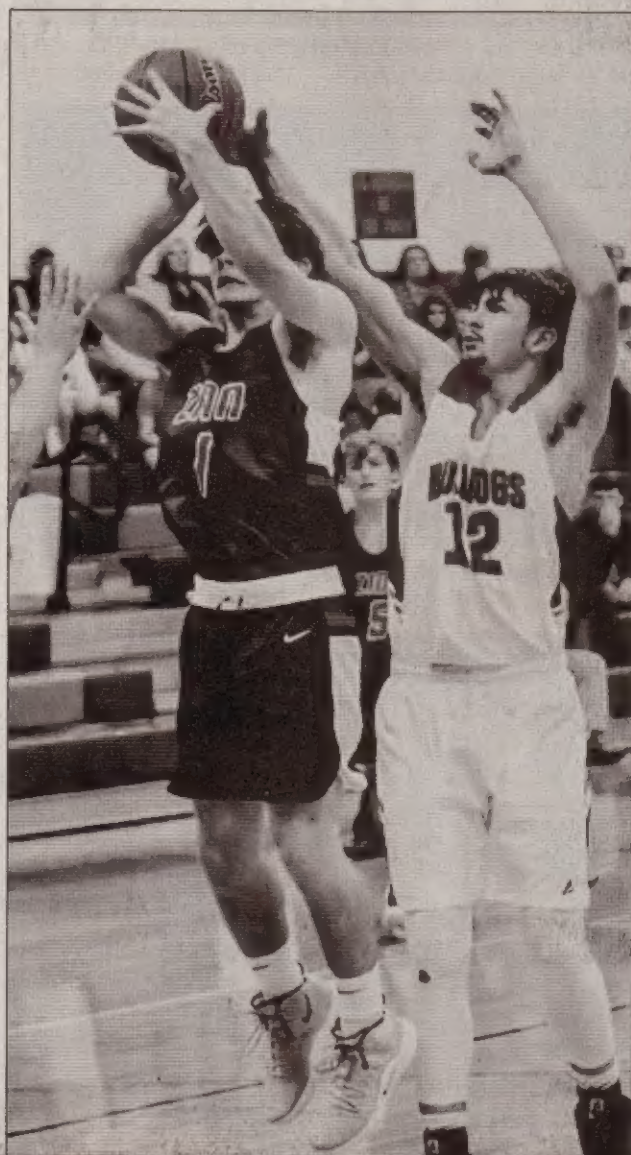
Kinston slammed by Samson 48-19

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs struggled on both ends of the court in a 48-19 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Michelle Duff scored 19 points and had 7 steals to lead the Lady Tigers, while Trinity Jenkins added 10 points and Diamonique Williams scored 7 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Courtney Lunsford scored 7 points to lead Kinston.

JV:

Zion Chapel Rebels remain undefeated

The Zion Chapel Rebels improved their record to 6-0 with a solid 35-28 win over the Wicksburg Panthers. Conner Kelley scored 13 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to lead the Rebels, while Zay Adair added 11 points.



Zion Chapel Rebel Aaron Senn (1) goes up for a basket in last week's 82-56 win over Kinston. Senn scored 15 points in the victory.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Kinston Lady Bulldog Courtney Lunsford (1) and Zion Chapel Lady Rebel Willow Johnson battle for a loose ball in last week's cross-county clash.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Brantley Lady Bulldog Olivia Jones lines up a 3-pointer.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



OVERALL WINNER...The votes were tallied, and that engine revved just loud enough for the Elba High School/LBWCC Automotive float with Buddy the Elf to be named the overall winner of the 2018 Elba Christmas Parade, which was held Monday evening, Dec. 3, in Elba.



BEST ENTRY...The Basin Baptist Church float - The Polar Express - was named the best entry for the 2018 Elba Christmas Parade. The children and youth of the church rode The Polar Express to remind everyone that Jesus is the Golden Ticket!



BEST THEME...The Elba Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center received the best theme award for the 2018 Christmas Parade with the ElbaVille float.



The Grinch was up to no good following the lighting of the Elba Christmas tree. Here is is caught pulling on the extension cord leading to the tree!



Elba First Baptist Children sang during the tree lighting ceremony held Monday night, Dec. 3, in downtown Elba. The children were directed in this by Denise Sauls. The singing was enjoyed by many citizens as they enjoyed taking pictures by the newly lit Elba Christmas tree.

An Honorable Mention
for the 2018 Elba Christmas Parade went to First Baptist Church with its Snoppy's Christmas float!

See more Elba Christmas Parade Pictures on Page 10 of today's Paper!!



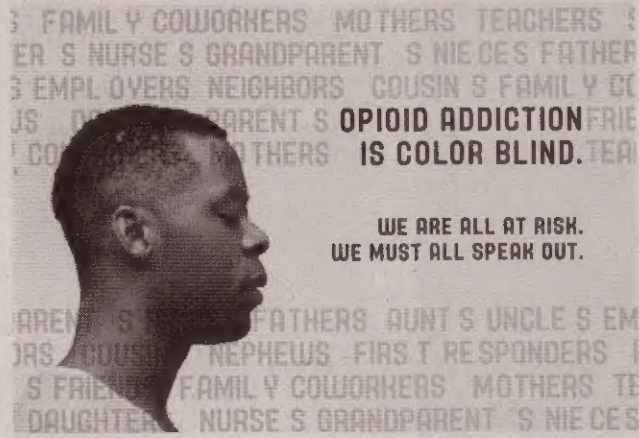
Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock and First Lady Liz Murdock stand together in front of the Elba Christmas tree after it was officially lit for the season Monday night, Dec. 3rd. This is a new tree for the city and it is beautifully decorated. The tree is located in downtown Elba.



Elba Beautification Committee Members and and Elba Queens gather around Mayor and Mrs. Mickey Murdock as they press the bar to officially light the Elba Christmas tree Monday night, Dec. 3, in downtown Elba.

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Scenes from Elba's 2018 Christmas Parade

